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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 8831

AMEMBASSY ACCRA

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

RUE PCE/ AMEMBASSY MBABANE 413

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

UNCLAS LUSAKA 805

ACCRA FOR

RPO; DAR FOR DR. POWELL; MBABANE FOR OSARAC

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: EAID, SPOP, ZA

SUBJ: POWELL VISIT

REF: '(A) DAR 1495 (B) MBABANE 878

1. DELIGHTED POWELL AND SAIERS PLANNING VISIT LUSAKA (REF A),
BUT VISIT TIMING POSES PROBLEM. KEY OFFICIAL, HEALTH PERSEC
NALUMANG
CURRENTLY IN GENEVA AND NOT EXPECTED BACK UNTIL
MAY 28. GRZ NOT OPPOSED POWELL VISIT MAY 21-22, BUT CLEARLY
PREFERS POSTPONEMENT FOR WEEK OR TWO. EMBASSY AGREES SINCE

VISIT' S VALUE LIKELY BE MARKEDLY INCREASED IF NALUMANGT PRESENT.

2. PROBLEM COMPOUNDED BY VIRTUAL IMPOSSIBILITY FOLLOW PRESENTLY
SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OUTLINED REF B BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY
BOOKING LUSAKA- BLANTYRE FLIGHTS WITHOUT MORE LEAD TIME.

3. EMBASSY SUGGESTS FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES: (A) CONTINUE WITH
CURRENTLY PROJECTED SWAZILAND VISIT MAY 24-27 THEN ARRIVE LUSAKA
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MAY 28 VIA EITHER QZ 527 FROM BLANTYRE OR QZ 601 FROM GABORONE;
(B) POSTPONE TRIP TO WEEK JUNE 4-8, VISITING LUSAKA JUNE 4-5
AND SWAZILAND
AND AT WEEK'S END WITH TRAVEL VIA EITHER BLANTYRE OR
GABORONE.

4. AS CONTINGENCY, EMBASSY ATTEMPTING CONFIRM SPACE FOR MAY 24

DEPARTURE LUSAKA FOR MBABANE VIA EITHER BLANTYRE OR GABORONE,
BUT CHANCES SLIM.
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